

## REMARKS

Claims 1, 5 – 7, 9 – 11, 13 – 18, 21, 23, 26 – 28 and 31 - 39 are currently pending in this application. Claims 5 - 7, 13 – 17 and 27 have been amended by way of this Amendment. Claims 1, 9 and 21 were amended and Claims 2 – 4, 8, 12, 19 – 20, 22, 24 – 25 and 29 – 30 were cancelled in the International Application by an Article 19 Amendment. The remaining claims are unchanged. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Applicant believes that the amended claims do not go beyond the disclosure of the application as filed.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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